



# Volunteer Voice

*Recognizing the Efforts of VA Volunteers in Coatesville, PA*  
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The VAVS newsletter has been created for all volunteers and potential volunteers of Coatesville VA Medical Center.

This publication is meant to showcase the wonderful work our volunteers contribute to our Veterans here at Coatesville VAMC

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## Coatesville Highlights



Volunteers for the day, servers for the Veterans Week Banquet, take a well earned break for a quick photo

Veterans Week presented a lot of activities in honor of Veterans. Volunteer support included serving at the Veterans' Banquet, Women's Tea, Day of Beauty, Motown and Gospel Concerts



Pictured above and left : A Karaoke Ball was sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary of PA.



The Veteran's Day Parade is always a crowd pleaser. Coatesville Area Senior High School Color Guard and Red Raider Marching Band play it up with the Philly Phanatic.

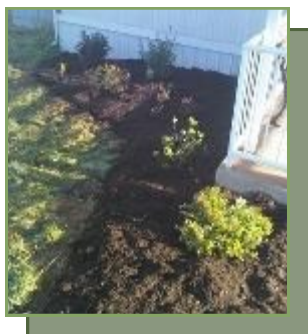
*Additional parade photos on Front cover*



Front Cover photos taken by Bill Cargile, Medical Media: *Left top:* Grand Marshals, all Gulf War Veterans, had the honor of starting the parade *Right center:* Volunteers participate in the Flag Raising Ceremony in front of historic Building One *Left bottom:* Veterans salute the American Flag from the sidelines as it passes through the parade



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Eagle Scout Brenden Holman of BSA Chester County Troop 105, completed his Eagle Scout Landscaping Project at the Spring City Community Based Outpatient Clinic. This beautification project greatly enhanced the landscaping for the benefit of Veteran patients.



Spaghetti and Bingo Party sponsored by Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary



Daughters of the American Revolution of PA and volunteers put on a New Years Eve Party as a treat for the Veteran patients

## New Volunteers

**Please welcome them to their new assignments.**

5th graders from Kings Highway Elementary School - Adopt-a-Grandparent

William Cluley – DAV driver

Allan Pomerantz – Computer assistant

Cheryl Brundage – Yoga Instructor

Arthur Schreiner – DAV driver

John Battle – Greeter/Bldg. 3

John Creedon – Greeter/Bldg. 3

Annette Blum-Casey – Hospice

Bonnie Legutko – HAS/enrollment



Veteran volunteer and Greeter, Wayne Bair, does a stand up job of welcoming and assisting patients at the new Outpatient and Specialty Clinic in Bldg. 3



- \* Don't forget to get your FREE Flu Shot
- \* Don't forget to get a new parking sticker if you have a new vehicle





President David Turner, with a multitude of volunteers and good cheer, donated, wrapped and distributed gifts to all the units



**3rd Annual Christmas**

**QVC**

QVC TV hosts and corporate staff volunteers came to the Great Hall to share their holiday with Coatesville VAMC Veterans. Many gift prizes were provided by QVC including gift cards, jewelry, electronics, and large screen TV

**BINGO**





## Donations



Legion Riders from Honey Brook American Legion brought new clothing for the benefit of hospitalized Veterans



Mac and Kathy Adams, VFW and VFWA representatives, and their grandchildren, brought a donation of knitted hats. Pictured below: Knit hats modeled by staff for the patients on Unit 1B



Cartons of women's personal care products were donated by Disabled American Veterans



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Immediate need for volunteers

- Chess assistant (weekend)
- Church Escort, bldg. 59 (weekend)
- Equip Assembly Assist (prosthetics)
- VTN Driver (Volunteer Driver Network)
- Greeter
- Instructor Basic Computer Skills
- Community Living Center- recreation support
- Canteen Assistant
- Office Support

- Buddy Program
- Adaptive Sports
  - Kayaking "Team River Runner"
  - Fly fishing "Project Healing Waters"
  - Hiking
- Pet Therapy
- Hospice
- Computer Room Assistant
- Men's and Women's Clothing Room



## Wish List

### Clothing

- New and gently used men's clothing
- New women's clothing (no used clothing)
- New socks, t-shirts, undergarments, and bras (wirefree) (all sizes)
- New and gently used men's and women's shoes, sneakers and work boots
- New and gently used coats, jackets and outerwear

### Personal Care Items

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Liquid body wash
- Shaving cream/gel
- Mouthwash (must be alcohol free)
- Roll-on deodorant
- Body lotions
- Toothpaste, floss, toothbrushes
- Brush/comb
- Razors/electric razors
- Powder

### Miscellaneous Items

- Forever postage stamps and stationary (envelops, paper, pens)
- Gift cards from retail stores and/or prepaid gas cards
- Phone cards
- Tea, coffee, creamer and sugar/sugar substitutes



**Monetary donations are always welcome.**

Checks should be made payable to Department of Veterans Affairs or DVA. Please indicate how you would like your donation utilized and mail check to:

**Department of  
Veterans Affairs  
Voluntary Service (135)  
1400 Black Horse Hill Road**



**Coatesville, PA 19320**



## Donations



Donation for Veterans presented to Chief of Voluntary Service, Earl Johnson, by Superior Tube Co., of Collegeville, Pa.



Cruisin' Classics of Chester County presented a check to Coatesville VA Medical Center for the benefit of hospitalized Veterans



Knights of Columbus, Chester County Assembly 1873, presenting their generous gift donation for the Annual "Wrapping Presents Program"

*We thank the volunteer organizations and individual volunteers for their generous support and donations over the last year.*



Stephanie, a student of Marsh Creek 6th Grade Center, Downingtown, brought wrapped presents along with her holiday cheer



Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC), operators of the Coatesville to Parkesburg LINK bus line, organized a Veteran's Holiday Gift Drive, delivering a bus load of new items for the benefit of hospitalized Veterans

*Pictured, left: Link riders, VA Director, Gary Devansky, Local Officials and TMACC employees and families*





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## RECURRING VOLUNTEER SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

### Every Monday

**Fly Fishing Clinic @ Great Hall:**  
Project Healing Waters

### Every Tuesday

**Popcorn and Pretzel Sales @ Times Square:** Benevolent and Paternal Order of Elks, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Masonic Service Association

**Hospitality Table @ MH Outpatient Clinic:** VFW Aux Post 287 Coatesville

### Every Thursday

**Adopt a Grandparent program @ CLC:** 5th graders Kings Highway Elementary

**Volleyball @ Great Hall:** Vietnam Veterans of America

### Second Monday of the month

**Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC:** Military Order of the Purple Heart

### Third Monday of the month

**Bingo Party 2PM @ CLC:** Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 25

### Second Tuesday of the month

**Social 2PM @ 59B:** Salvation Army

### Second Thursday of the month

**Bingo Party 2PM @ 59A:** Marine Corps League

### Last Sunday of the month

**Brunch:** Trinity Church Coatesville

## Calendar of Volunteer Sponsored Activities

### October

**Oct 5** Open House @ CLC : VFW Post 7294

**Oct 5** Open House @ Great Hall : VFW Post 5752

**Oct 5** Open House @ 59B : American Legion

**Oct 8** Concert @ Great Hall : Lukens Band

**Oct 11** Bingo Party @ CLC : VFWA Post 845

**Oct 18** Bingo Party @ Great Hall : Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary

### November

**Nov 3** Women Veterans Tea @ Great Hall:

**Nov 4** CLC Veterans Luncheon @ CLC

**Nov 4** Interfaith Service @ All Faith Chapel

**Nov 5** Gospel Concert, the Tiller Sisters @ All Faith Chapel

**Nov 6** Day of Beauty @ Bldg. 38 Barber Shop

**Nov 6** Veteran's Banquet @ Bldg 139 Dining hall

**Nov 6** Motown Concert, First Ladies of Rock and Soul @ Great Hall

**Nov 7** Parade @ Medical Center grounds

**Nov 7** Flag Raising Ceremony @ flag pole outside Bldg. 1

**Nov 7** Radnor School visit @ Great Hall

**Nov 7** Vet's Week Karaoke Ball @ Great Hall: VFWA PA

**Nov 9** Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 8795

**Nov 9** Open House @ 1B: Salvation Army

**Nov 16** Open House @ CLC: VFW Post 7294

**Nov 20** Dinner/trip: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Veteran's Week activities were made possible with help from VAVS, Veteran Service Organizations, VA employees and individual volunteers

### December

**Dec 3** Christmas tree lighting @ Bldg 1: refreshments @ All Faith Chapel: Salvation Army and American Legion Aux.

**Dec 7** Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 845 Downingtown

**Dec 7** Holiday Concert @ CLC: Lukens Band

**Dec 8** Holiday Sing-a-Long @ CLC: Military Order of the Purple Heart

**Dec 10** Trip to VFW Post 8795 for Holiday dinner

**Dec 11** Holiday visit/canteen book distribution @ Great Hall: AL and ALA

**Dec 11** Bingo Party @ Great Hall: QVC

**Dec 13** Holiday visit to all units/ Holiday Party @ Great Hall: VAVS

**Dec 14** Open House @ Great Hall: VFW Post 1690

**Dec 17** Gift distribution to all units: Davids Drive

**Dec 18** Holiday Musical Performance @ Chapel: Bill Reeves, Tiller Sisters

**Dec 21** Chanukah Party @ Great Hall: Jewish War Veterans and Aux.

**Dec 22** Meistersingers concert @ All Faith Chapel, Open House

**Dec 25** Friendly Holiday Visit and Canteen book distribution @ all units: Jewish War Veterans and Aux. Dept. of PA



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